

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Nancy Ballance, on March 29, 2017 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)  
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)  
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)  
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)  
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)  
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)  
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch  
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

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**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 239, 3/29/2017; HB 604, 3/29/2017; HB 611, 3/29/2017  
Executive Action: HB 239; HB 604; HB 611; HB 591

05:37:25 Chair Ballance

**HEARING ON HB 239**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

05:37:34 Rep. Bill Harris (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 239, Provide income tax benefits to employers and students for higher education costs.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

05:40:50 Jack Ballance, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

05:43:04 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

05:45:11 Vice Chair Brodehl  
05:47:26 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT  
05:47:51 Vice Chair Brodehl  
05:48:06 Vice Chair McCarthy  
05:48:16 Rep. Ellis  
05:49:04 Rep. Harris  
05:49:30 Chair Ballance  
05:49:39 Rep. Harris

**Closing by Sponsor:**

05:49:52 Rep. Harris

**HEARING ON HB 604**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

05:51:12 Rep. Bill Harris (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 604, Generally revise public safety communication laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

05:53:54 Rep. Tschida  
05:55:29 Jack Ballance, Self  
05:55:40 Rep. Hopkins  
05:56:20 Jack Ballance, Self  
05:56:30 Rep. Woods  
06:00:38 Rep. Harris  
06:01:39 Vice Chair Brodehl  
06:02:11 Rep. Harris

06:02:40 Rep. Bartel  
06:02:50 Rep. Harris  
06:03:35 Vice Chair Brodehl  
06:03:58 Rep. Harris

**Closing by Sponsor:**

06:04:21 Rep. Harris  
  
06:05:52 Recessed  
06:07:30 Reconvened - Vice Chair Brodehl as chair

**HEARING ON HB 611****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

06:07:37 Rep. Derek Skees (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 611, Generally revise state laws related to immigration and refugees.  
  
06:09:01 Chair Brodehl  
  
06:09:10 Recessed  
06:13:41 Reconvened - with Rep. Peppers excused  
  
06:13:53 Rep. Skees  
06:14:52 Chair Brodehl  
06:15:00 Rep. Skees  
06:15:09 Chair Brodehl  
06:15:19 Rep. Ellis

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

06:15:52 Vice Chair McCarthy  
06:16:53 Rep. Skees  
06:17:20 Vice Chair McCarthy  
06:17:28 Rep. Ballance joined the meeting  
06:18:26 Chair Brodehl  
06:18:33 Vice Chair McCarthy  
06:18:42 Rep. Knokey  
06:23:26 Rep. Skees  
06:23:53 Rep. Knokey  
06:24:30 Rep. Cook  
06:24:49 Rep. Ryan  
06:25:35 Rep. Skees  
06:26:13 Rep. Ryan  
06:26:41 Rep. Skees  
06:27:36 Rep. Woods

06:28:43 Rep. Skees  
06:28:48 Rep. Dudik  
06:30:50 Rep. Skees  
06:31:00 Rep. Dudik

**Closing by Sponsor:**

06:31:13 Rep. Skees

06:31:49 Rep. Ballance resumed the chair

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 591**

06:31:52 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McCarthy moved that **HB 591 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE**. Motion carried 11-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Ballance, Rep. Bartel, Rep. Brodehl, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. Glimm, Rep. Holmlund, Rep. D. Jones, Rep. Patelis and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Peppers was excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 239**

06:34:33 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 239 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

06:34:43 Vice Chair McCarthy

06:35:43 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-15 by roll call vote with Rep. Ballance, Rep. Cook, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Lynch and Rep. Patelis voting aye. Rep. Peppers voted by proxy.

06:36:47 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 239 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 604**

06:37:39 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 604 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

06:37:51 Vice Chair McCarthy

06:38:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-3 by voice vote with Rep. Burnett, Rep. Keane and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Peppers voted by proxy.

06:40:00 Rep. Peppers joined the meeting

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 611**

- 06:39:20     **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 611 DO PASS**. Motion failed 11-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Ballance, Rep. Bartel, Rep. Brodehl, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Cook, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. Glimm, Rep. Holmlund, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Patelis and Rep. Tschida voting aye.
- 06:41:03     **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 611 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 13-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Ballance, Rep. Bartel, Rep. Brodehl, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. Glimm, Rep. D. Jones, Rep. Patelis and Rep. Tschida voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 591**

- 06:43:02     **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McCarthy moved that **HB 591 DO PASS**. Motion carried 12-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Ballance, Rep. Bartel, Rep. Brodehl, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. Glimm, Rep. Holmlund, Rep. D. Jones, Rep. Patelis and Rep. Tschida voting no.
- 06:45:01     Chair Ballance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 06:45:21

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Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([aph65bad.pdf](#))